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Chlorination Kiln

1. The chlorination kiln which was dispatched to Leuna in about May 1953 was inspected by the Russians Bobishev and Grinevich (the latter works in Leuna) prior to its dispatch. Grinevich officiated at the transfer with Mrs. Koshenova acting as interpreter.

Magnesium Project

2. The East German Government has ordered that the plan for the magnesium project for 1953 be cut by 20,000,000 DM east.

Aluminum Production

3. Production of aluminum has been reduced slightly. It has been decided that only one hall is to be built for the new aluminum works No. 2.
4. A large pilot plant for the production of Al_2O_3 from clay (Ton) is to be built at a cost of 10,000,000 DM east. The process is briefly - "saurer Aufschluss, Nubilos, alkalische Al-Fe-Trennung".

Zirconium

5. The East German radio industry requires some 500 to 1,000 kilograms of zirconium per annum for use in the production of wireless tubes.
6. The Boitzenburger Plattenwerke, Boitzenburg, requires 4,000 kilograms of zirconium oxide (ZrO_2) per annum for use in the glazing of special ceramic wall tiles for export.

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Rare gases

7. VEB Sauerstoffwerk Berlin has offered for sale inert gas (Edelgas) for 12.75 DM east per cubic meter.

General

8. On 11 July, the plastic gutter-pipe shop went on strike for a short time. The police posts were reinforced, and the Russians were alerted, but there were no further developments. There is a general feeling of tension. The ban on travel to Berlin has created bitterness.

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